

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the present application.

The specification has been amended to recite a claim of priority to related International and Japanese patent applications in accordance with the originally filed Application Data Sheet. The specification has also been amended to identify sequences listed therein with specific sequence identification numbers.

The specification has further been amended to incorporate the attached Sequence Listing. In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements, Applicants append herewith a printed (pdf.file) copy of a written Sequence Listing along with a corresponding electronic (txt.file) copy of the Sequence Listing recorded in computer readable form. Applicants submit that the content of the electronic copy of the Sequence Listing is identical to the printed copy of the written Sequence Listing. Applicants further submit that the sequence shown in the electronically filed Sequence Listing is identical to the sequence contained in this application as originally filed. Support for the sequence listed in the printed, and corresponding electronic, Sequence Listing is found within the present application, as originally filed, as well as International patent application PCT/JP2004/010459, filed on July 23, 2004, of which the present application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 National Stage patent application.

It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments to the specification and the submission of the attached Sequence Listing.

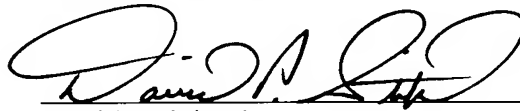
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Therefore, withdrawal of the Notice to Comply with Requirements is respectfully requested.

Application No. 10/565,595  
Attorney Docket No. 285137US0XPCT  
Preliminary Amendment and Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits, and early examination of claims 1-20 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.  
Norman F. Oblon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Stitzel", is written over a horizontal line.

David P. Stitzel  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 44,360

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
(OSMMN 06/04)